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Continuing The Story of A Miracle at Sheppton Mine

In a previous edition Independent Coal Review covered just a small part of the work done at Sheppton, the many people involved, agencies giving aid, agitators of irritation and delay and some photos which we believe many of our readers will want to keep for reminiscing with friends and families. In this edition we will cover more of this most unprecedented rescue operation and include a special four page photo section, with proper captions, for the convenience of scrap book enthusiasts, and perhaps, public officials who either did not take the time or did not have the time to personally visit this scene of many miracles.

No report of the Sheppton rescue would be proper, or complete, if we did not mention some of the fine, indeed magnificent companies and personnel participating in the rescue work. I. M. A. was part of a tremendous team and our wonderful volunteers were proud to work side by side with other groups not affiliated with this association.

The crew manning the large machine which drilled the large bore hole through which Throne and Fellin were pulled to safety was part of this team, and, a very important part indeed. This drill was put at the disposal of the Penna. Department of Mine and Mineral Industries for the rescue operation by Louis Pagnotti, head of Pagnotti Enterprises, without any delay, or thought of remuneration. This piece of equipment, although extremely valuable, was on the scene within hours of the decision to drill a large enough bore hole for the safe rescue of Throne and Fellin. The Pagnottis must be paid signal homage for their expeditious action in this instance and their determination to help bring about a successful rescue of the entombed men. The drilling work of the Pagnottis was under the supervision of a wonderful guy by the name of Louis Marino, who either didn't know or little cared about resting. Marino and the men he was in charge of did not believe there were only 24 hours in a day and worked until completely exhausted before resting briefly, if at all, and then began working again. To all of them we say a grateful thanks for a job well done. To them we say we were proud to work by your side at this rescue, and all of us would be proud to work by your side on any job. You workers helped bring miracles to pass and no words or phrases can commend you to

the degree due, but, you have a special place in our hearts and minds.

To Secretary of Mines, Dr. Charnbury and Deputy Secretary Gordon Smith, our most sincere appreciation for a job well done. The devotion to duty by these two men can never be fully covered through the mere use of words. Although various groups were always given a chance to express their opinions as to methods of rescue the final decision was in the hands of Dr. Charnbury, who made the decisions with firmness, with complete knowledge that he would be criticized regardless of success or failure. No effort no expense was spared by Secretary Charnbury, and his astute sense of evaluation was an inspiration to everyone, and a key factor in the success at Sheppton. The Secretary was guided greatly by the sage advice and counsel given by Gordon Smith, his Deputy for the Anthracite Areas. Gordon's knowledge on anthracite mining, and, in this case, rescue work, is unequaled by anyone. His courage and ability has been fully witnessed in past years by our people on many heartrending occasions. The finest thing one can say about any man, and we can say this about "Gordie," is that he will not ask another man to go into place he will not enter himself, nor ask a man to work at a job he would not do himself. To these two tremendously magnificent men, we say bless you and God speed in all of your work.

Ingersoll-Rand Company played a most important part at Sheppton and the work of their machines and personnel was of inestimable value in the rescue operation. Their wonderful men under the supervision of John Adams and Bob Thompson also thought little of time and less of hard work in their evident obsession and determination to bring about the successful rescue of the entombed men. This company and the men they sent to the Sheppton disaster scene were a vital part of a well organized and smoothly operating combination of machinery and workers. The value of wonderful men such as Adams and Thompson can never be fully measured, but, the fact they were there and had other wonderful men with them helped expedite the rescue operation. The immediate response for the need for equipment by Ingersoll and transporting the same to the scene on a moment's notice is a tribute to this great company. The personnel supplied by the
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Expect Court Ruling On Bova Petition

It may be a week or two yet before the Schuylkill County Court takes action on the petition asking for an opinion on the feasibility of continued rescue operations to recover the body of Louis Bova, entombed in the Fellin mine near Sheppton since Aug 13.

President Judge James J. Curran conducted a hearing on the petition Oct. 3. The result was that David Fellin will submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Mines his plans for recovery of the body. The department will then report either its approval or disapproval to Judge Curran.

Testimony at the day-long hearing, attended by IMA personnel, revealed:

The floor of the chamber in which Fellin and Henry Throne were entombed has slipped some 45 feet since the date of their recovery.

Fellin will be glad to supervise any recovery operation. He and Eugene Gibbons, owner of the land, will use what funds they have to finance the operation until they "run out of money and that will be the end". Fellin was in charge of the mine when the fall occurred, trapping two men.

Deputy Secretary of Mines Gordon Smith recommended sinking of a rock tunnel to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000 and require six months of work based on a 24 hours per day, seven days per week schedule.

Fellin's plan calls for going through 1,800 or robbed out workings and the 1,800 feet of coal. Fellin proposed that proceeds from the sale of this coal could aid to finance the operation.

Medical testimony showed that Bova could live for about 40 to 50 days without food if he had water. Without both food and water he could not live more than a week.

Fellin is not sure now whether or not he ever heard Bova's voice since the accident, but thinks he might have.

Fellin said, under oath, that he has made no commitments or contracts with any publishing firm and has only received \$100 for his experiences and this was for his appearance in Media.

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From The President's Desk

If we believe what we have read in the United Mine Workers journal they are always right, never wrong and we are never right and always wrong.

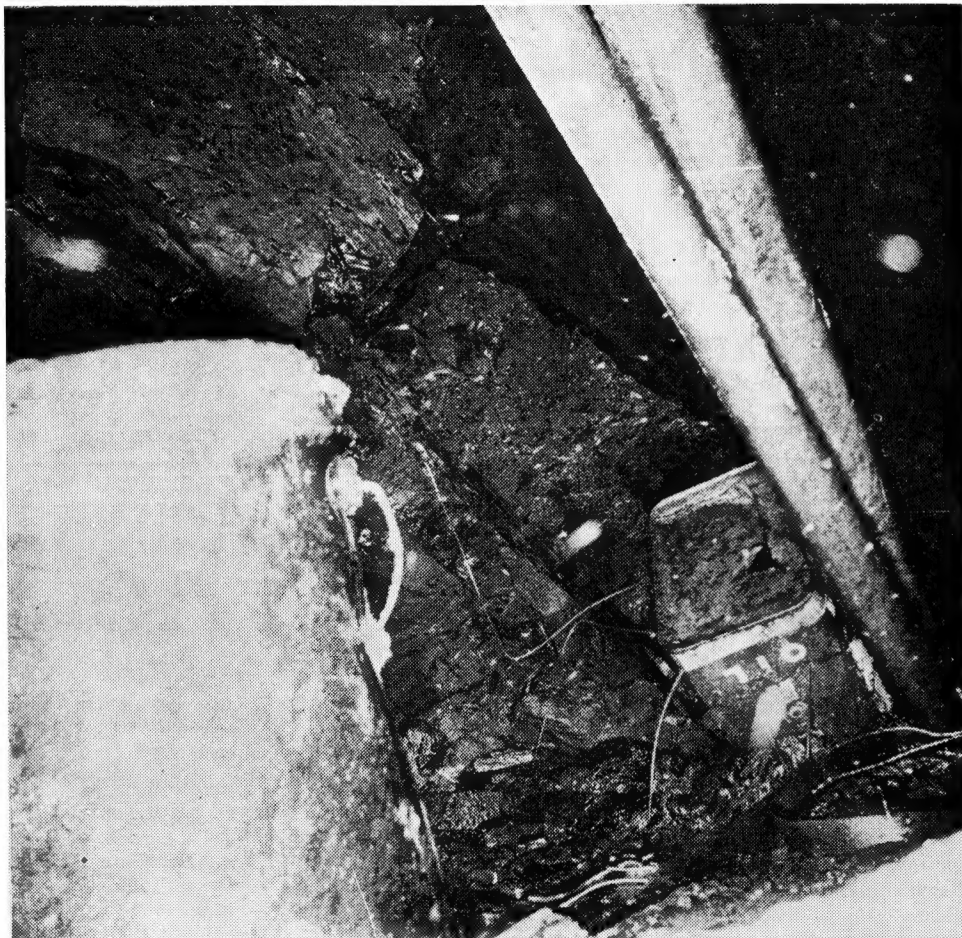
If we are to believe what an Overa Boyle, Evans, Thomas and others in the hierarchy of the UMW say, they are archangels of mercy. We, of IMA place this in a category of diatribe, complete trash and a pack of lies in an apparent attempt to mislead what they would hope to be a gullible membership and the public.

The deterioration of this Organization has reached a low level indeed when they must try to lift themselves through the efforts of other fine people. The lies which certain alleged representatives of this Organization have been spewing, to anyone who will listen, are enough to make any respectable person vomit.

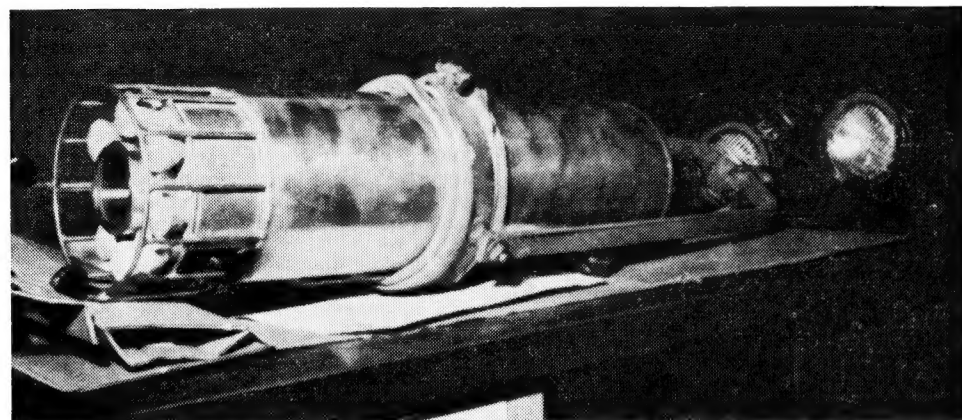
The misrepresentation of facts concerning the Sheppton disaster, especially noticeable in their slanted publication, would lead one to believe they did some work at Sheppton, went without sleep for days at a time and did not take their working clothes off. If working clothes is meant by dress suits, white shirts and ties and undirtied hands, etc., we believe they are right. As for rest we can assure everyone each of these men had more than enough time to rest and took advantage of it. Their hard work was jumping in front of cameras.

Thank God for the presence of the newspaper, television and radio reporters at the Sheppton mine disaster. They saw who did the work and rightfully gave some credit to Independent Miners and Associates volunteers. We did not look for credit, we were on a mission of mercy and if we helped a little, we are grateful.

Now to the matter at hand. The Oct. 1 issue of the Mine Workers Journal pictures Lewis Evans—remember him, he used to be the Pennsylvania Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries—now an UMW employee, with a head set on listening to underground sounds from the Sheppton mine. What were you listening for Louie? Someone to tell you how hard the UMW personnel worked? Anyway, he is all dressed up with a white shirt and a suit. The picture caption says and we



ANOTHER EXCLUSIVE PHOTO—Second photo taken by Frank Sturges of the Pennsylvania Drilling Company with special underground stationary camera shows another view of chamber about 301 feet underground in which Fellin and Throne spent two weeks before being hoisted to safety.



DID THE JOB—Specially constructed round Motorola camera which did excellent job of photographing underground area of Fellin mine.

quote directly, "who headed the UMWA delegation at the rescue operation". When did Evans head any delegation, when was there ever a delegation there except those persons all dressed up posing for the television and still cameras.

The picture caption should have read, "Evans, who was the state secretary of mines when the Robena mine disaster occurred,

and had full knowledge of the Knox disaster, both mines under UMW control" or would the proper word be mis-control. **BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT THE KNOX DISASTER?**

Now, lets move to another thought. Independent Miners and Associates knows that "SOME SORT OF A CONTRACT" existed between the UMWA and two plants where coal

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Continuing The Story—

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company are unsurpassed in their field and we were proud to work shoulder-by-shoulder with them in the rescue work. I. M. A. would be proud to have these men as members and although this may never happen they have made an impression never to be forgotten. At least they will be given an honorary membership card from this association which we hope is at least a token of the esteem in which we hold them along with many others.

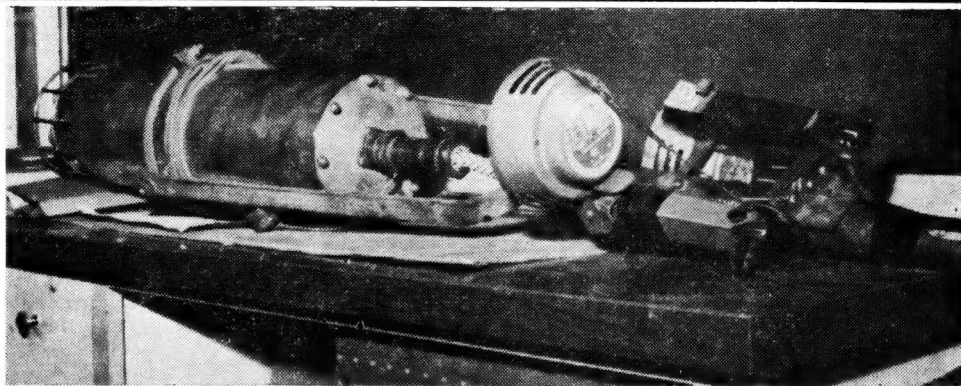
Also due for special consideration and heart-felt thanks is the Motorola firm which, without any thought of expense or being paid for the services of their personnel and equipment, flew in their closed circuit television camera complete with specially equipped truck in a cargo plane.

Using this specially devised camera the technicians set up their equipment and conducted endless surveys of the bore hole and surrounding areas. These highly trained technicians worked round the clock using their specially equipped camera with only one thought in mind, helping a fellow man in distress.

The cooperation of the Motorola firm and its technicians will prove most valuable in future occurrences of this kind. Although we prayerfully hope that disasters like this will not happen again it is comforting to know that this equipment and trained personnel are available. It is at this time anticipated that Motorola is working on a miniaure unit for rescue work of this type.

No listing of "thank you's" would be complete without including the Sprague and Henwood Company of New Jersey. Drills and personnel from this firm sunk the first hole to the entombed men and it was through this bore hole that rescue workers were able to talk to the miners, lower telephones, microphones and food to them while other drilling rigs sought to sink a shaft to recover them.

In succeeding issues of Independent Coal Review we will cover in more detail the excellent work performed by the Salvation Army, Pennsylvania National Guard, U. S. Marine Corps pilots and co-pilots on the helicopters, U. S. Naval Survival team, Departments of mines, those who installed and manned the complex electronic communication sets and others who gave unstintingly and fully of their valuable time and efforts to really accomplish the MIRACLE AT SHEPPTON.



AFTER FINAL CHECK—Motorola underground camera rests on table after receiving final intensive check before being lowered into operation to photograph underground areas.

3 UMW Officials Found Guilty

Five upper Luzerne County men including two coal officials and three former officials of United Mine Workers were found guilty in Federal Court at Scranton on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Act. Each was sentenced to two years probation.

Federal Judge William J. Nealon, who heard testimony last May without a jury, found the following men guilty:

Philip Gelso, Exeter, president of defunct No. 14 Coal Company, Port Blanchard.

Samuel Gelso, brother of Philip, Pittston, secretary of the firm.

John Shipula, also known as John Shipley, Plainsville, president of UMW Local 7519.

William Dombroski, Port Blanchard, secretary of the local.

John Salvo, Pittston, committeeman of the mine union local.

The five were indicted by a Federal grand jury in August, 1960, with the 60-count transcript charging illicit payments of more than \$1,200 to the three men by the company of-

ficials. Indictments charged the payments extended from a period in May, 1957 to late 1958.

Payments were mainly in \$50 sums to Shipley, who received in excess of \$450, and about \$350 each to Dombroski and Salvo, it was charged. The government contended the money was paid to avoid labor trouble at the mine operation.

No. 14 workings where the accused union officials represented employees was closed following the 1959 disaster at Knox Coal Company.

Company officials at the trial said the money paid the men was for work performed or for car expenses incurred on errands for the firm.

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RENNINGER NAME FAMILIAR—A name familiar from the early days of Independent mining **RENNINGER** appears in the rescue scene. From right to left are Ronald and John Renninger, sons of Rufus Renninger, former independent coal operator, conversing with Andrew Drebitko, second from left, and William Parulis, during "break" in rescue operations. Their father, Rufus Renninger, was also on the scene supplying food for volunteers.

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Dent Says Federal Mine Safety Law Will Be Approved

Rep. John H. Dent, D-Pa., predicted that the House labor committee will approve this month a bill to extend the Federal Mine Safety Law to mines which employ fewer than 15 men.

Dent said a House labor sub-committee now considering a bill he introduced will visit so-called drift coal mines in Virginia. He is a subcommittee member.

A subcommittee unit recently visited small mines in Pennsylvania, including the one at Sheppton in which one miner lost his life and two others were rescued in August.

Dent said the subcommittee has a request from Rep. W. Pat Jennings, D-Va., to exempt drift mines from the law's provisions. These are mines which workers can enter without descending a shaft or slope.

But Dent said the major cause of mine accidents is roof cave-in, something which can happen in any type of mine.

Propose State-Federal Check Of Coal Freight Rates In State

A joint federal-state investigation of coal freight rates in Pennsylvania and other north-eastern states was proposed in the Senate.

Pennsylvania coal producers are losing ground in the fuel market to residual oil and coal produced in states which receive rail differential freight rates, said four coal county Democrats who sponsored the proposal.

Their resolution, referred to committee for study, called for investigations by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Federal Interstate Commerce Commission.

Sponsors of the motion were Sens. William J. Lane, D-Washington; Martin L. Murray, D-Luzerne; Thomas J. Kalman, D-Fayette; and Robert P. Casey, D-Lackawanna.

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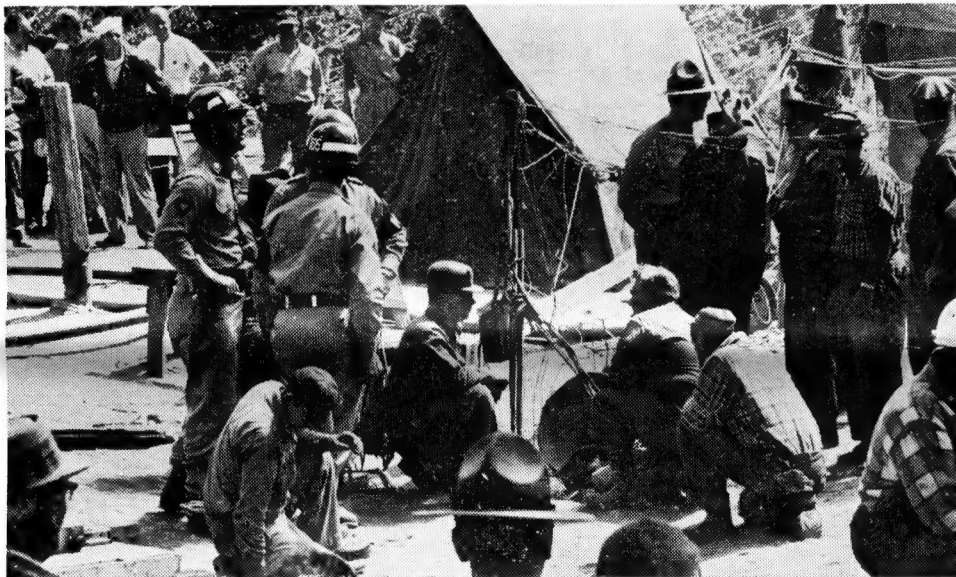
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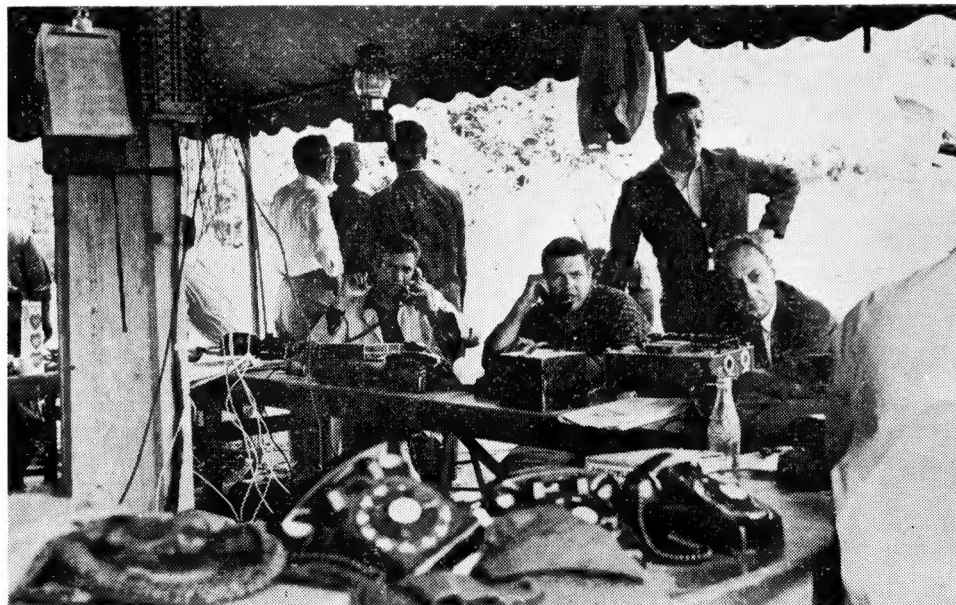
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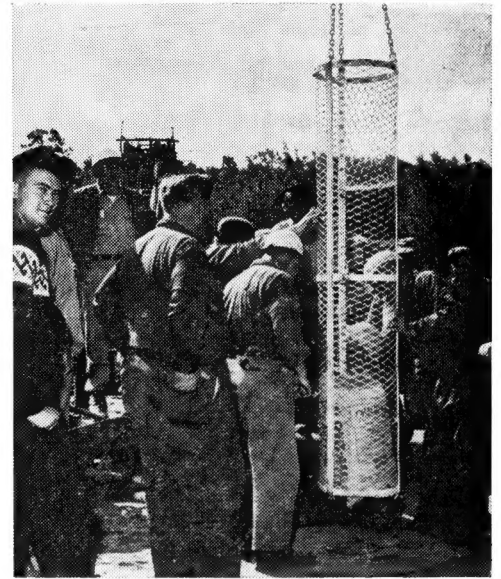
NEWS BREAK—IMA volunteers brief Pottsville "Republican" staff reporter, Charles J. Downey, Jr. far right, on latest developments in rescue operation. Participating in conference from left, are, James Thompson, Andrew Drebitko and Clyde L. Machamer.



KEEPING LINE OPEN—IMA volunteers make one of periodic checks on vital communications lines between surface and entombed miners. Checking to make sure all is well is James Thompson.



EXCELLENT COVERAGE—Newspaper, radio and television reporters cluster in section of press tent at Fellin mine disaster scene. Shown is a portion of the over 35 telephones used by press representatives to keep the world instantly informed of rescue developments.



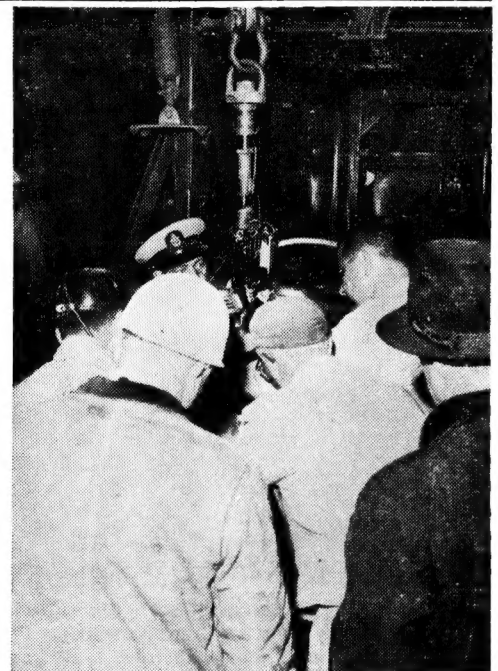
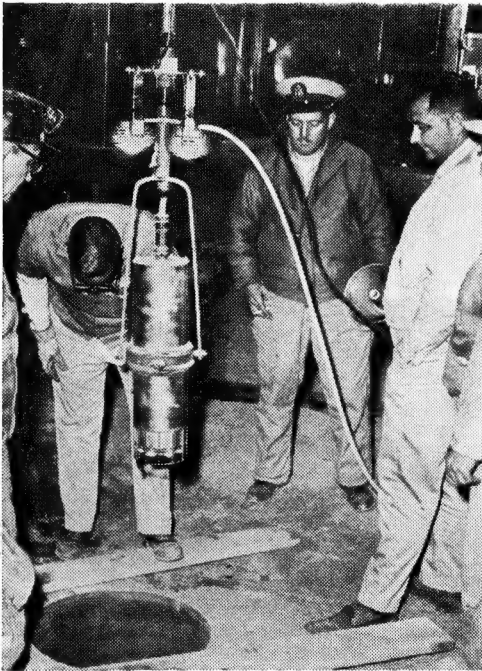
IT WON'T WORK—Volunteers including Dennis Machamer, extreme left, son of IMA President Clyde L. Machamer, of IMA, who worked round the clock with adult volunteers, examine so-called escape cage which IMA personnel claimed would not work.



IT DIDN'T WORK—Damaged edge of ill-fated escape cage clearly shows as unit is placed aboard a truck after it was proven unsuccessful.



LIFE SAVING BIT — Closeup photograph shows clearly huge bit which chewed through earth to reach miners. This is now enshrined in the Hughes Museum in Texas.



LOWER AWAY—Special underground camera manufactured and supplied by Motorola Corporation and operated by Ron Polomsky, bending over hole, and Mark Mancini, far right, begins its perilous descent into underground area. Standing at center is Commander Richard M. Young, Naval Communications expert.

EASY DOES IT—Workmen tenderly assist camera being lowered into hole so it will not be damaged by bumping against sides of drill hole.

STILL GOING—Upper portion of camera begins to disappear from view as it is lowered into mine.

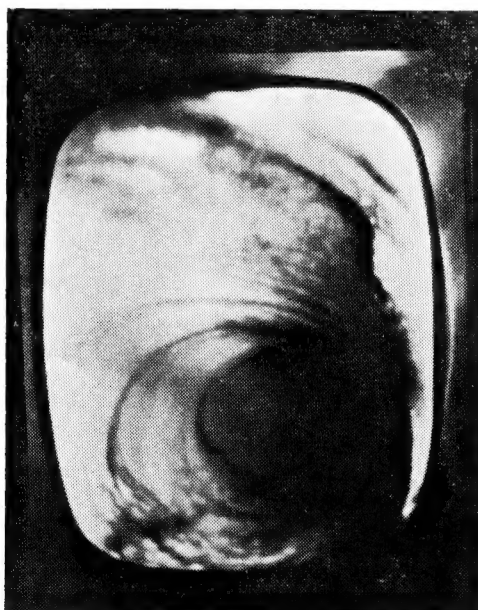
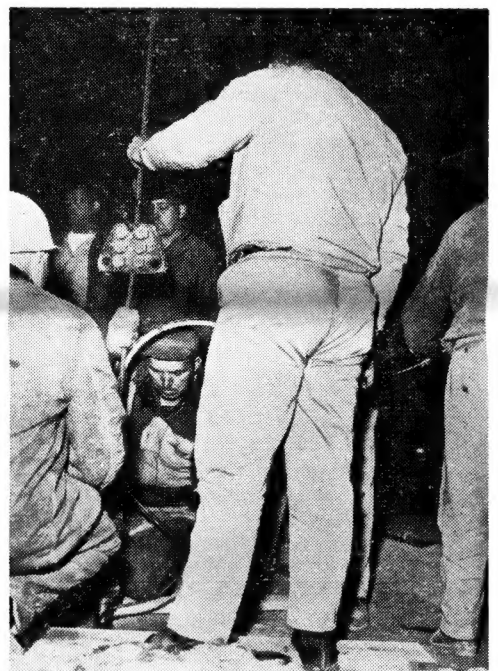
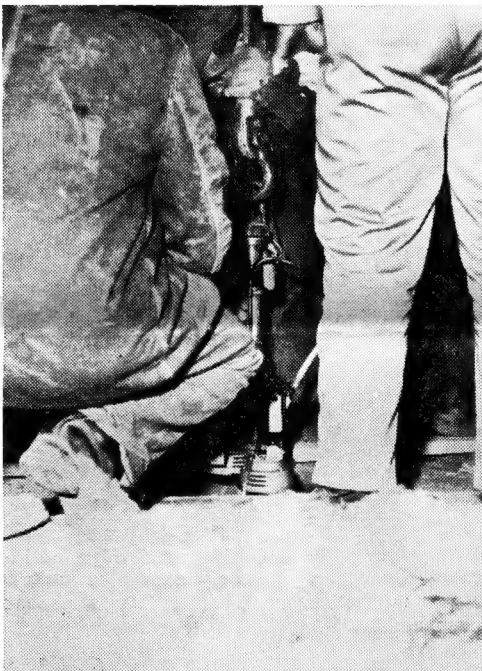
GENTLY, GENTLY—Camera support and cable are all that is left above ground as unit moves slowly through drill hole. Carefully guiding cable, center facing camera is Marlin Kimmel, IMA volunteer.

EXTREMELY CAREFUL—Experienced but gentle hands aid cable in lowering camera.

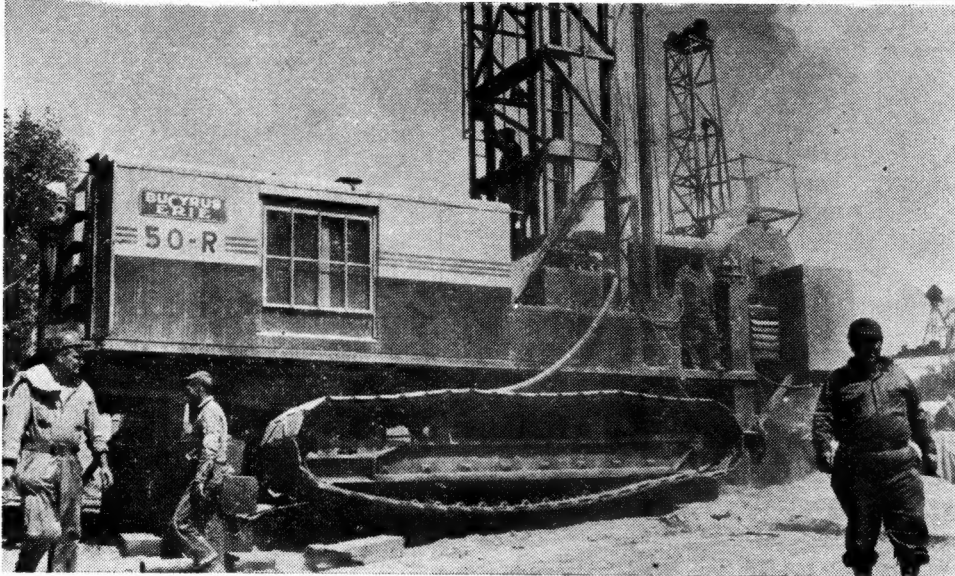
NEAR TOP—Camera shows sides of drill hole as it is lowered into opening near surface of ground.

FULL PICTURE—Surface television screen show full picture of sides of drill hole as camera descends into opening.

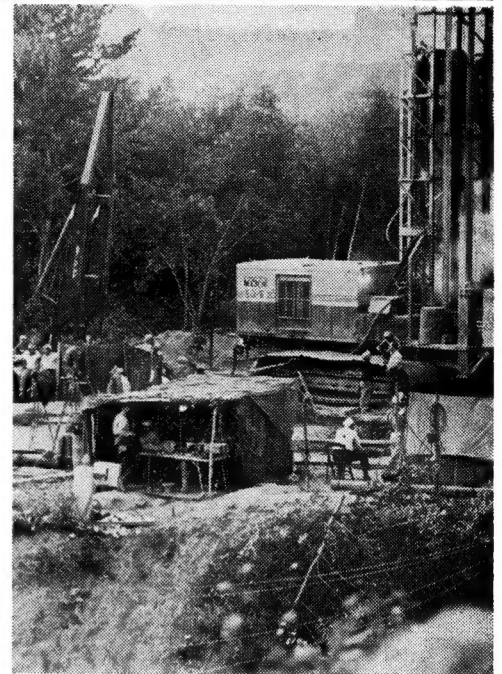
STILL STRONG—Perfection of drilling apparatus and operators are shown in camera view of sides of drill hole, perfectly bored.



FROM A MONITOR—Borehole photographs were taken by still camera from surface TV monitor.



HEADING FOR REST—William Parulis, and other IMA volunteers walks from huge drilling rig, spewing rock dust, as they head for coffee, sandwich and well deserved respite from rescue labors.



IN CONSTANT TOUCH—Communications tent in foreground shows maize of telephone and radio facilities which maintained constant contact with entombed miners until they could be hauled to safety. In rear is big drilling rig which sunk successful shaft.

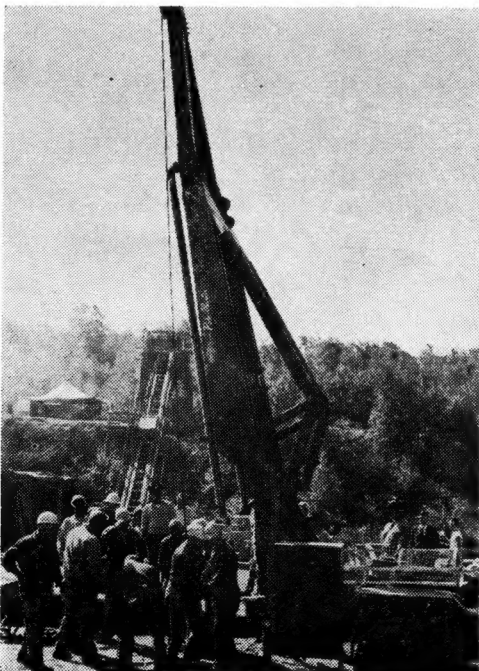
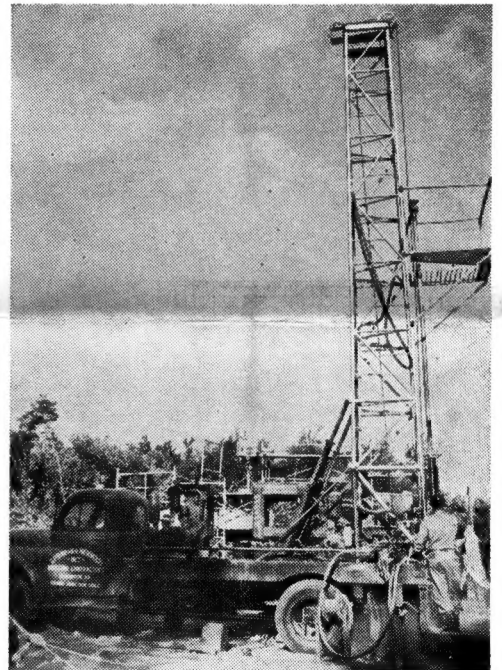
CONTINUALLY CHECK—Deputy Secretary of Mines Gordon Smith intently watches electronic devices calculating depth of drilling operation, air in chamber and records voices of Fellin and Throne.

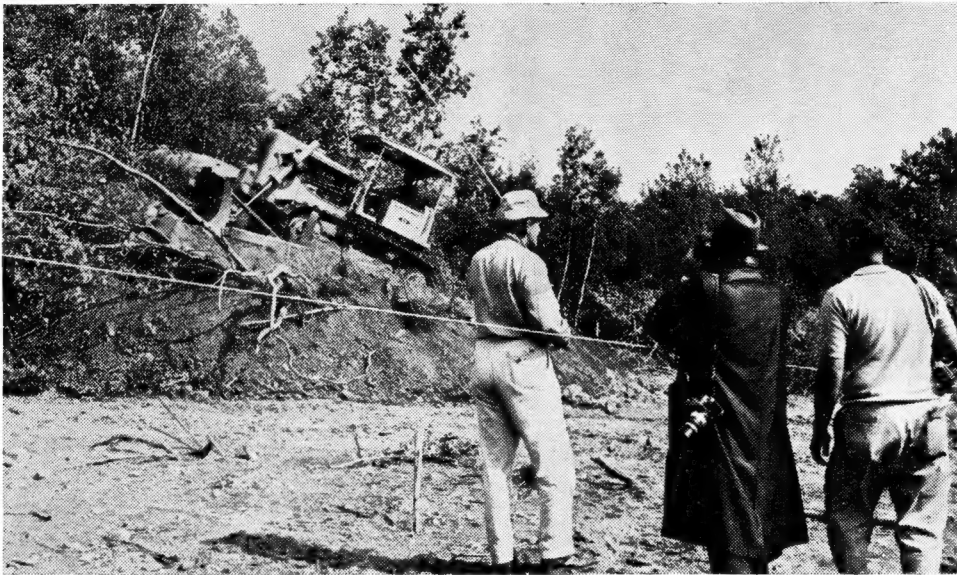
IT TRIED—Drill which worked night and day in unsuccessful attempt to locate Louis Bova is checked by workman.

READY TO GO—Pennsylvania Department of Mines special truck hoist is put into position ready to aid in lifting victims to surface.

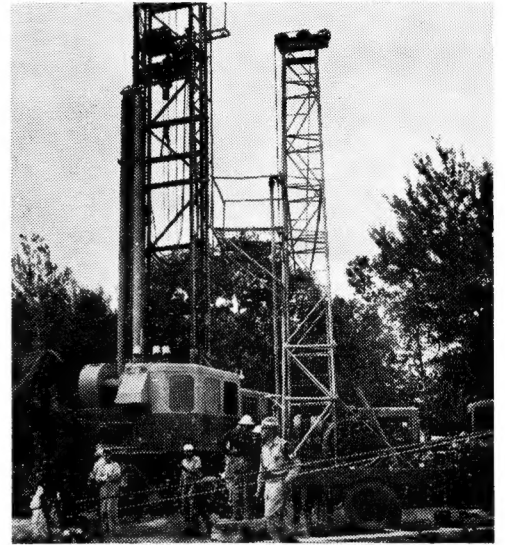
NO BREAKAGE—Securely wrapped plastic container of milk, clearly marked, is ready to be lowered to victims. All food and toilet articles were lowered in this manner to prevent breakage or possible slides in the drill hole.

DANGEROUS CONDITIONS—Fissure in earth appears on spot where huge drilling rig which slammed through to underground chamber had been working.





INSTANT COMMUNICATION—Charles J. Downey, Jr., Republican newspaper reporter uses walkie-talkie to keep check on rescue operations from IMA mine rescue truck. Wire service photographers at right photograph Downey with bulldozer leveling ground for heliport.



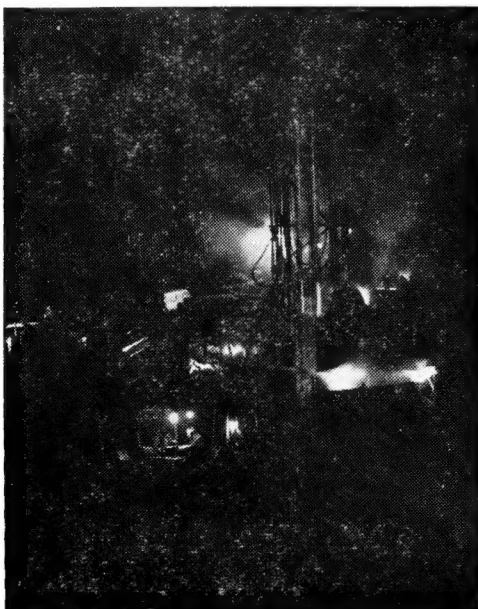
MAMMOTH EQUIPMENT—Huge drilling rigs which sank rescue tunnel over 300 feet get breather as bits are changed. Rig at left worked night and day sinking holes to entombed miners.



SAFETY AT LAST—Crowd gathers around unit as Henry Throne, first to reach the surface, is hauled to safety. IMA and other volunteers hauled both entombed miners to the surface by hand.



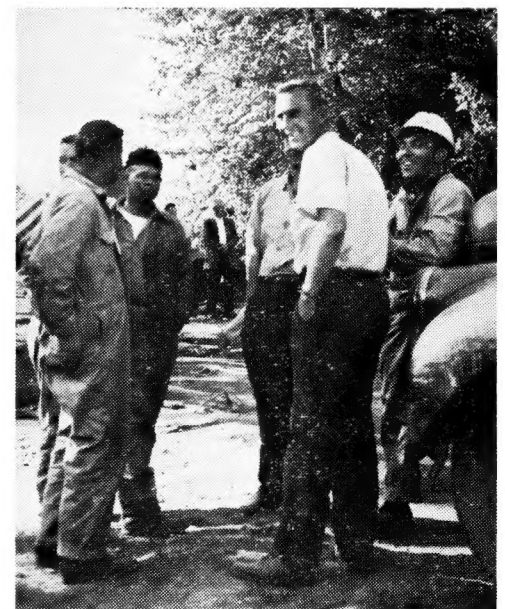
WHERE THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE—IMA armbands are clearly visible on workmen who did yeoman's job of shoveling rock dust from rig.



OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHY — Amazing nighttime rescue photograph shows operation as drill neared underground chamber of trapped men. This photograph was taken by Ralph Smith, IMA photographer.



WELL DESERVED REST—Drillers of Ingersoll-Rand, Sprague and Henwood Drilling companies who worked 'round the clock to reach victims, take break during rescue operation while rig is being serviced.





WE'LL DO IT—Determined expression on face of Dr. H. Beecher Charnbury, Pennsylvania Secretary of Mines tells whole story of operation, determination and will to win.



IT DID THE JOB—One of two huge bits which chewed through over 300 feet of dirt and rock to reach entombed miners lies dismantled after rescue operation.

Claim Collusion of UMWA & Federal Bureau

Antitrust suits naming officials of the Bureau of Mines, big coal operators and the United Mine Workers Union are being prepared, a newsman told a House labor subcommittee.

Nat Caldwell, a reporter for the Nashville Tennessean who has investigated coal mine conditions in Kentucky and Tennessee said the suits would name "some fairly high level people" at the Bureau of Mines.

Caldwell charged that the Mine Workers Union and the large operators are backing a bill to extend federal mine safety laws to mines employing less than 15 men in an attempt to force the small mines out of business.

Similar opposition to the legislation came Thursday from Rep. W. Pat Jennings, D-Va., and Robert Holcomb, president of the National Independent Coal Operators Assoc.

Jennings agreed the legislation would force many small operators to shut down. He proposed a compromise under which only types of mines where disasters could possibly occur would be covered.

Holcomb maintained state inspectors now provide adequate inspection services for small mines. He said the only result of such a law would be to put the small mines out of business.

Asked by Rep. James Roosevelt, D-Calif., who was presiding, to substantiate his charges about "interwoven" policies of the Bureau of Mines and the union, Caldwell said the pending suits would "bring into the open the partisanship of the Bureau of Mines and its representatives."

He said federal officials use their power to try to force coal operators to join the union and that the union is using its members' money to buy into control of the industry, doing away with its members' jobs by financing automation in the mines.

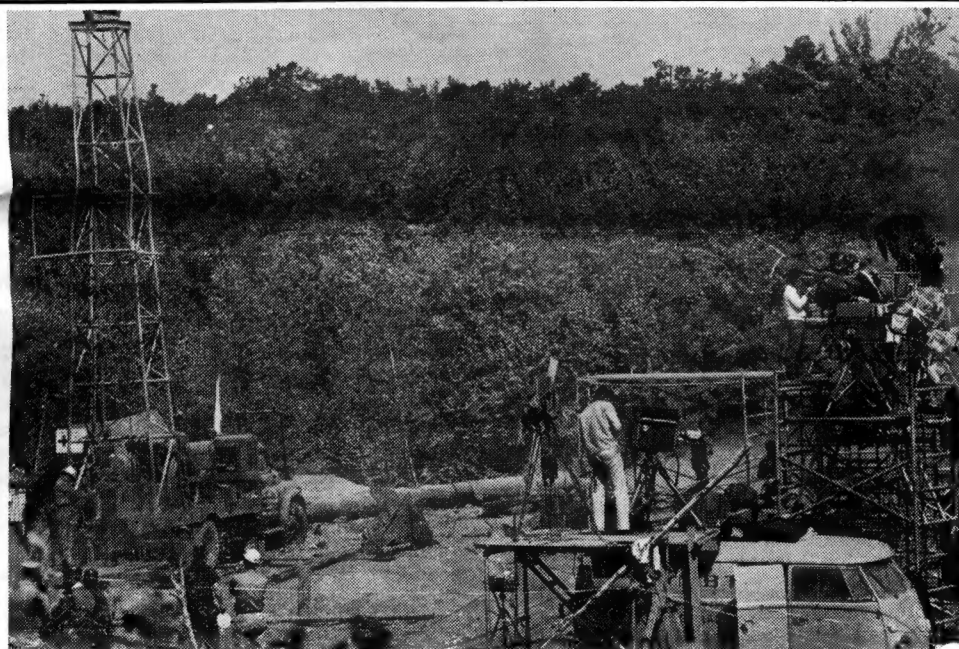
"The union is the management of the coal industry," Caldwell said. "It supplies the management ideas and the finance ideas."

Indict Four In Robena Disaster

A superintendent and three employees at the vast U. S. Steel Corp. Robena Coal complex near Carmichaels, site of a mine explosion which killed 37 men, were indicted for violating state bituminous mining laws.

A Greene County grand jury, which heard testimony on the case during two days, returned the indictments against superintendent Michael Wydo, mine foreman Marion Misiak, assistant mine foreman Albert H. Dilow and electrician Stanley Boskovich.

The charges against the men are not linked directly to the blast last Dec. 6 at Robena Mine No. 3, which the state said was caused by an accumulation of coal dust and methane gas. However, officials said, the charges against the men stem from a state investigation into the blast.



THE CAMERA SEES ALL—Television cameraman, perched on scaffolding, photographs rescue scene. Station wagon in right foreground is from WMBT Radio, Shenandoah, which had personnel on scene from day of disaster and did wonderful job in providing "outside" communication.



STILL FALLING—Subsidence at top of sealed off slope opening of Fellin mine exemplifies dangerous working conditions under which volunteers labored.

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FIRST PUBLIC PICTURE—This is first of two photographs of underground chamber in Fellin mine ever made public. This is a partial view of area in which Fellin and Throne were entombed. Exclusive pictures were taken by Frank Sturges of the Penna. Drilling Company.

Lt. Gov. Shafer Sees Bright Future for Penna. Coal Fields

Lt. Gov. Raymond P. Shafer predicted "that we have not yet begun to see the real impact of coal on the economy of our commonwealth and the lives of our people."

In a speech prepared for a meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers Association, Shafer discussed efforts of scientists and others to find new uses for Pennsylvania's coal.

"If progress seems slow," he said, "there is no cause for discouragement . . .

"The magnificent past, when Pennsylvania lit the fires that heated homes and drove the locomotives of America, that powered the factories and generated ideas—this magnificent past is truly but a prelude."

Shafer said coal and courage are synonymous, citing the rescue of the trapped miners, David Fellin and Henry Throne, at Sheppton last month.

"At Sheppton," he said, "I came to realize more sharply than ever, that courage and coal are synonymous, whether one works in the mines or maps the industry's present and future."

No amount of pay ever made a good soldier, a good teacher, or a good workman.—John Ruskin.

Aroused Public Opinion For Sex Crime Offenses

(Continued from August I. C. R.)

Investigation showed that the painter suffered from hallucinations and chronic alcoholism and had been arrested more than 50 times.

Countless parents display no more common sense in choosing baby-sitters than did this mother, and the consequences are often just as grim.

An example of the second type of crime involving baby-sitters was provided not long ago, when a 17-year-old boy assaulted a 15-year-old girl whom he lured to an unoccupied house. An accumulation of milk bottles at the front door indicated to the young criminal that the occupants were away. He broke into the house and telephoned a baby-sitters' employment agency. Posing as the father of a small child, he asked the agency to send a girl baby-sitter to the house, and when she arrived enticed her upstairs, where he seized her and threatened her with a knife.

The girl fought him bravely, and during the struggle they both fell downstairs, but the youth overpowered her. He was just leaving the house when police, summoned by neighbors who had heard the noise of the struggle, apprehended him.

The baby-sitters' agency was largely responsible for the horror, you may say, by sending a young girl into such a trap. That is true, but her parents should not have permitted her to work for an agency which was careless about protecting its clients. Regardless of the agency, they should have known in what kind of surroundings their child would spend the evening.

Police experience has shown over and over again that parents should never let their youngsters baby sit for people about whom they know nothing.

Indirectly, the adults who reared the 17-year-old rapist were also partially responsible for the crime. Had the boy been raised in an atmosphere of love and unselfishness there is little likelihood that he would have become a criminal, and the same can be said of the majority of such offenders.

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From The President's Desk

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mined in this Sheppton operation was sent for processing.

Now IMA charges that the United Mine Workers were interested only in royalties and not in the welfare of the individual miners. If they were collecting even one penny on this operation they had an obligation to the men, an obligation to be concerned about their safety and their welfare. Did they think of this, heck no, all they wanted—as they have for many years in the past—is the almighty dollar.

No member of the UMWA on the so-called executive level participated in the three-week rescue operations. There was no UMWA mine rescue truck on the scene. All they did was come on the scene, all dressed up like duds and read a prepared statement, interfere with the actual rescue operations, cause dissention and agitate. Again we say thank heavens for the news media personnel present. They not only knew but they told the entire world just who and what organizations did the work.

We also take issue with the statements of certain U. S. Congressmen notably Representative Roman C. Pucinski, Democrat from Illinois. Pucinski is quoted in this same publication as saying, "I think we are setting a dangerous precedent by dumping the matter in the hands of the court. It disturbs me". If he did say this—relative to continued rescue operations for Louis Bova—then he does not know what he is talking about. Mind you, we are not saying he actually said this although he was quoted directly with quota-

tion marks in the Mine Workers Journal, we are saying if he said it. I feel our courts are better qualified than most Congressmen.

We think all these congressmen should make a fair, impartial and proper evaluation of the mining industry in Pennsylvania.

They should check and see for themselves how the UMW permitted this once great industry to go to its very deathbed. They should check and see just what organization and which men revitalized it and brought it back to its present state.

The records will show who labored to bring Throne and his boss - - - **NEITHER OF WHOM ARE OR WERE AFFILIATED WITH THE IAM** - - - out of their underground tomb.

We think Pucinski is out of order. **WE ALWAYS DID THINK THE UMW WAS OUT OF ORDER, NOT THE ORGANIZATION, BUT THE MEN WHO RUN IT AND WE STILL DO.**

All one has to do is look at the sorry record of the death and retirement payments made by the UMW to widows and children and they can see for themselves that something needs to be changed.

Another man that does not know what he is talking about is Tony Boyle, the titular head of this so-called union. From 1955 to 1963 under Pennsylvania Secretaries of Mines appointed from the "UMW family" Pennsylvania has had the Robena, Knox and other mine disasters. These tragic occurrences happened under the hand-picked secretaries of Boyle and his predecessors and the record shows **THAT PART OWNERSHIP OF THE KNOX MINE WAS VESTED IN A UMW OFFICIAL.**

We will have more to say on this later but

Submersible Pump

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as we said in the September issue of Independent Coal Review, **WE ARE DAMN SICK AND TIRED OF THE UMW officialdom** and their political pressures for their gain and everyone else's harassment. Their slanted press will no longer give them advantages for the general public read, hear and see their news media giving truthful evaluation.

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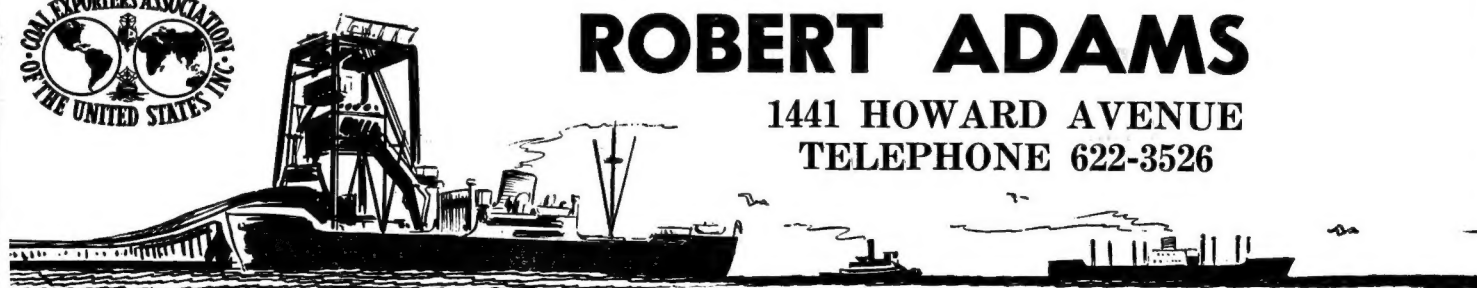


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REPORT OF PROGRESS . . . Dr. H. Beecher Charnbury, light shirt, center right, Pennsylvania Secretary of Mines, briefs news media on progress of rescue operations. Reporters are clustered in front of news tent which was staffed with 35 telephones to enable instant reporting to newspaper offices on latest development.



SECOND WHIRLYBIRD STANDS BY . . . One of two U. S. Marine Corps helicopters which rushed rescued men to Hazleton State Hospital after rescue waits patiently in guarded area to start on its mercy flight.

P.P.&L. Buys Railroad Cars, Will Haul Own Coal from Mines To Plant

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. has placed a \$1 million order with Bethlehem Steel Co. for 74 coal cars of the 100-ton hopper type to form a PP&L unit train that will run directly from Pennsylvania mines to the utility's power plants, Chas. E. Oakes, chairman of the board, announced today. It will be the first unit train to be built by Bethlehem at its Johnstown, car shops, with delivery scheduled for February, 1964.

Hauling in excess of 7,000 tons of coal each trip, the unit train will operate on a passenger train schedule. The train will haul coal from new bituminous mines at Tunnelton, Indiana County, and near Osceola Mills, Clearfield County, to PP&L plants at Martins Creek, near Easton, and Brunner Island, below Harrisburg. The cars will travel over 80,000 miles a year—six times the travel log of ordinary hopper cars—and the train will haul about 1 million tons of coal a year.

"The unit train concept is a major breakthrough in cutting fuel costs, which total close to \$20 million annually," Oakes said.

PP&L's unit train will move over Pennsylvania Railroad lines, with five PRR locomotives assigned to the service.

Name IMA Member To Coal Research Board

Robert Rissinger, of Millersburg, secretary and general manager of Kocher Coal Company, of Valley View, received notification of his appointment to Coal Research Board of Pennsylvania, by Governor William Scranton.

Rissinger's appointment to the Research Board was made on the recommendation of Dr. H. Beecher Charnbury, Penna. Secretary of Mines. Rissinger is chairman of the Beneficial and Welfare Fund of the Independent Miners and Associates.



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